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#### FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER My Special Letter No. 6.

It is never wise to tire one's audience, either

It is never wise to tree one's audience, either as a lecturer, political speaker, or writer, so this will be my last letter in the series I have been writing on "Talks" about the "Little Magazine". Those of you who have found it interesting will recall that the closing words of Letter Number Five were a promise that, if I wrote another, it would be particularly concerning the ways in which subscribers can co-operate with an editor, or publisher, to make a magazine. with an editor, or publisher, to make a magazine more interesting and helpful.

Perhaps I have already mentioned that my early training, as a publisher, was received years ago, in Minneapolis, on the old House-keeper that some of you undoubtedly remember. At that time it was the most prominent, helpful and beloved woman's home journal in this entire country, having a larger circulation than any other and carrying, always, more advertising than the editor wished to run invarvertising than the editor wished to run, invariably leaving out pages that would have paid us well in money

In those days the relations between the subscribers and editor were very intimate. The Housekeeper was divided into about fifteen departments among which were two, "Home Talks" and "Correspondence", the two most popular and satisfactory departments, that alone would have sustained the whole of the Journal or its subscribers. There was also a "Children's Corner" that was probably the

third strongest department.

We had about two hundred subscribers who contributed articles and letters to these de-partments. They were of the most practical nature, and very intimate in character. Our subscribers seemed anxious for instruction and guidance in the multifarious duties of home life. So popular were these departments that we frequently discussed either enlarging the magazine beyond its thirty-two large pages or magazine beyond its thirty-two large pages of starting a second publication devoted exclu-sive.y to these subjects. Just one more inter-esting item in regard to The "Housekeeper", so strong was it with its subscribers that any time we wished to increase our subscription list we simply wrote a personal letter to a subscriber at the postoffice where we wished an increase and received all we cared for In those days it did not seem to be the idea to have an enormous circulation.

Later on I was the publisher of the "Home Magazine", at Washington, D. C. edited for some years by the widow of General John A. Logan of Civil War fame. Its chief feature was "Washington Matters", more or less on the doings of prominent men and women from every state, but including a series of very ably written articles for the instruction of the American public on the intimate workings of American public on the intimate workings of the various departments of the National Gov-

ernment. I tried to popularize departments that had "made" The Housekeeper, but I did not have an editor to whom the family side of life appealed with sufficient seriousness. She was a remarkable woman intellectually, but the little touches of sentiment and intimacy, which

made Effie W. Merriman so successful as editor of The Housekeeper, were lacking in her make-up. To this I attributed the lack of interest on the part of our subscribers to the home' features. I have thought since that it may have been the change now so very apparent in all women's publications. I wonder if we can lay it to the "Ford"?

In Parks Floral Magazine I thought we had succeeded in launching a similar idea in the

"Floral Friends", but gradually contributions have dropped off until, as you can see, we have

consi crably few.

During the past year we have been publishing the Hill and Hollow Papers', contributed by a rior who is welcomed in many of the illusctrated magazines of the country, splendid mat-ter, it seems to me. We have invited our readers to tell us how they have liked the department but, whereas in the days of The House-keeper it would bring actually thousands of letters today we have a few dozen, not enough to know whether our people wish us to continue the department. For the children we have had the "''ine Tree Nature Club", conducted by the Bird woman, who is a regular writer in St. Nicholas, for example, the highest class young folks magazine in America, if not the world. It took a great deal of thought and panning to arrange this department and yet, apparently, we have not been able to arrouse the enthusiasm of the young folks.

While an editor must not sacrifice all his ideas of what his publication should stand for and contai, he must be guided in the produc-tion of h's magazine, by what his readers ask

The point I have been leading up to is this, that one of the ways in which subscribers can very materially help to make the Magazine very materially help to make the Magazine what they want it to be, and successfully, is to let the editor know what they like in the Maggazine and what they do not care for. It is not necessary to be a professional writer or critic to do this, but when you read a number of the Magazine just jot down on a sheet of paper what you think of this and what you think of the other, how you like this letter or article, why you do not like another; if you know from your own practical experience some betfrom your own practical experience some better way to handle a certain plant or growing problem write it down; if you write only enough to give us the idea, we can do the rest.

Human nature may have changed and, unquestionably, has; so have methods of treating plants, but I venture to say the fundamental needs of specific information and instruction in regard to the successful growing and bloom-ing of flowers is even more necessary today than it ever was in the past, for one reason, because home gardens are so much more numerous and contain so many more varieties of plants than ever before.

Parks Floral Magazine must always be devoted to flowers, and the minute it goes out of that field its day of usefulness has ceased.

But my "Talk" is too long for this page, and I shall have to complete it next month.

Business Manager.

# FLORAL MAGAZINE

LaPark, ennsylvania.

#### FEBRUARY AMONG OUR FLOWERS

HEN the snow begins to melt and we feel Spring in the air, we long to get out in our gardens, to begin breaking the ground for this year's crops, and to plant our seeds, big and little. However, few of us live where we have climates that warrant our doing much more outdoors than

warrant our doing much more outdoors than a little cleaning up about the place and putting things in order until March.

Now what can we do? Oh, there is a great deal to be done; we cannot afford to be idle even a minute of the time, for there, are all the beds and borders to think about. The well planned plantings are a great asset to the home and can be readily distinguished from places that have been planted with little forethought of color schemes, blooming seasons and, most important of all, harmonious

The planter who wishes to have flowers in bloom the year around in his beds wisely

most important feature of all, planting for effect Our aim should be the making of beauand harmonious pictures, ones that create a sense of enchantment, of tranquility, or call forth some emotion. We read articles on call forth some emotion. We read articles on naturalizing and while this is a very good plan in most cases, we should follow out only its good points and not allow ourselves to have scattered plantings that look too natural to be beautiful and artistic.

Scientists tell us that green is the most pleasing color to the eye, so what could be prettier than a background of leafy shrubs, Hydrangeas for instance, to bring out the shades and colors of the flowers blooming in front of them? A flower may be pretty on its own account, but often how much more beautiful it appears when grouped with other varieties or planted in combination with such flowers as best bring out its special charac-

teristics!



SUGGESTING A

HARDY BORDER

chooses varieties that follow each other in their seasons of bloom. The first bright Cro-cuses tell us that Spring is here and there are just hundreds and hundreds of flowers for all Summer long, annuals, perennials and Summer-flowering bulbs and shrubs. Then, when Fall comes, some flowers will still be bloom-

ing and others just beginning.
It is during February, before we plant, that we must find out all about the habits and blooming seasons of the flowers, and plan our beds accordingly.

Now we come to what I have said is the

In your enthusiasm to have lovely flowers and many of them, do not forget that a beautiful lawn is also essential. The lawn that is not cut up by small beds, but has borders around its sides is very much more effective than the one in which the grass grows to the edge, and the center is cut up into little beds. Planning will take up all the time you can give to it, for the more—we think about our

flowers the more we learn and want to learn, and our interest grows with our plans and our desire for the artistic and the beautiful as portrayed through our plantings.

### **CHRYSANTHEMUMS IN OREGON**

HAD the pleasure of attending the Oregon Agricultural Show at Corvallis last November which was very entertaining and instructive. Specimens of a great many horticultural products of the west—all, correctly labeled, were arranged on long tables. And right here I want to say that in attending the state fair and such places my great regret has been that things were so poorly labeled generally.

Each of these tables had a caretaker qualified to answer questions and explain exhibits. For instance, one long table was covered with luscious bunches of grapes,

of many varieties, raised on the college farm. gentle man me told there were seventy-five varieties a na and swered all quesmy tions about them.

Another table was covered with specimens of fruits grown California: oranges, lemons, guavas, dates, figs, avacadoes and many others. I could not begin to name the different varieties of fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc., exhib-

ited, and indeed am not qualified to report on them, for my interest was centered in the floral corner which was largely taken up by Chrysanthemums, it being their blooming season.

The first among them to draw attention were great lobes of white and of yellow as large as my head, as I remember them. Maybe memory lends enchantment. The incurving petals of great substance overlapped each other like shingles on a roof, forming a perfect globe, no sign of center showing, and poised on top of long, stout stems clothed with heavy green leaves. These were cut-flowers in great jars. I found they were yellow and white "Turners", the largest of mums, and grown to perfection in the college greenhouses.

Then there was quite a collection of potted varieties. In one corner bronze kinds in varying shades were banked up making a choice range of color viewed from a little distance. I had not before admired the bronze varieties, but this corner demonstrated their decorative value.

There were also specimen plants of some of the button varieties. The Baby was not in full bloom but there was a very beautiful one, a little larger, about the size of a feverfew blossom, very double and a glistening white, in sprays, but alas, I could find no label. The pots

had the greenhouse labels on them, but they were seldom turned at an angle for the observers to see and it was with difficulty that I made out any ofthem.

The mums that per-haps intermost were a group of group singles, them seedlings and all very beautiful. I noted Mrs. Wm. Buckingham Mensa with them, and I imagined I could the parentage of the seedlings



SPECIMEN PLANT OF LARGE FLOWERING CHRYSANTHEMUMS

from their resemblance to the former. Indeed, it is hard to see how a single mum can improve on Mrs. Buckingham. But I find for outdoors in Oregon the singles are more easily injured by the rains and occasional winds when in bloom than some of the doubles whose petals are of greater substance. I have them growing side by side, and one double yellow was in perfect condition after one of our hard rains this fall, while the singles were torn and ragged. Otherwise the singles are charming. White Daisy has recuperated and had a long season of bloom and its graceful sprays of bloom are delightful. About one autumn in four, I judge, we have beautiful weather for mums, even the tender ones, and some of us have been getting to be almost as great mum fans as the Japanese.—Mrs.A.I.C.Black,Oreg.

#### **EVERY DAY VARIETIES**

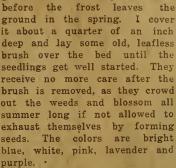
ENTAUREA cyanus, sometimes called blue bottle and French pink, is a fine, old-fashioned perennial with me, as it self-sows. Indeed, I often have half-grown plants that winter over in the open, without any protection, in perfect shape, cmmencing to blossom in May; and I always plant my seed out before the frost leaves the



DELPHINIUM

"builded upon a rock", this is a particularly commendable trait. It does best in a carefully prepared, gravelly soil and I always mix in a liberal supply of old, well-rotted cow manure. This little annual never fails to do well.

A handsome bed I wonce had every other row planted with the good, old-fashioned annual, yellow calendula, or pot marigold, as it is sometimes called. These plants do well in almost



This plant is a special favorite of mine because it seems to stand as much dry weather as portulaca and, as my garden is



AGERATUM

spike of beautifully irregular flowers, sometimes with long spurs. Mine nearly all come blue, but I also have the pink and white variegated, and blue striped with pink, as well as the clear pink and clear white. The annual forms are fine for bedding and, as mine self-seed, they, too, are practically perennial.

The hardy varieties are very desirable as a background for borders or to plant among shrubs. I sow delphinium either in the fall or early spring, in open ground, and cover the plot with leafless brush the



MARIGOLDS

any soil, blooming from early summer until frost, are of easy culture and have long been in favor with the garden lover. Plants may be thinned to stand twelve inches apart in the row but I never bother about doing that and they seem to do as well as if petted.

Another pretty bed was of annual larkspur and French marigolds, tagetes patula. The larkspur, delphinium, has a long, clustered



PORTULACA



CENTAUREA

same as I do the centaurea syanus, in order to keep the hens out. It does not

require any protection here, for I always have self-sown seedlings which transplant

easily, an added attraction.

It would be decidedly unfair to speak of the French marigolds and not give the African marigolds their due share of "honorable mention". Both varieties require about the same treatment; planted about a quarter of an inch deep, in well pulverized soil, firmly pressed down, preferably a light, sandy loam, they will bloom until frozen solid.



SINGLE BLOOM OF CHRYSANTHEMUM Surely no garden seems complete without this hardy old friend, with its brilliant display of yellow and orange. No particular skill or experience is necessary, for it does well under almost all conditions, anywhere. It is very effective for massed bedding and makes a cheerful display at the back of the border.

The annual chrysanthemum is another extremely showy plant for borders or bedding in the garden. Plants become more shapely and bushy if pinched back in the early stages of growth and disbudding will produce larger flowers. They seem to require more moisture than the marigolds but even at that they will stand lots of abuse and come through with shining colors.

The little floss flower, ageratum, is a plant of great value and beauty, both for the window and garden. It is a great

drouth resister, is dwarf, compact and thrifty, and will stand the hot, dry weather in splendid shape. The fluffy, feathery flower heads seem to literally smother the foliage, so abundantly do they produce their fresh and attractive blooms. It is very useful for bouquets and even a flowering branch will root readily in either earth or water. The plant requires a light, well prepared soil; cover one-fourth inches deep and press the earth firmly over the little seeds.

The California poppy, eschscholtzia, is also valuable for garden ornamentation since the plants bloom through such a long season. The foliage is finely cut and of a bluish tinge, or bloom, that is very dainty and attractive even when the

plant is not in bloom.

Sow the seeds where you want the plants to remain as they have a long tap-root that makes successful transplanting difficult. Good results are obtained by spreading the seed thinly and raking the soil lightly to cover it, not too deep. It is best to plant either in the fall, or early spring, as it seems to like cool, moist weather for germinating and often comes from self-sown seeds.

Bessie Palmer Snipe, Me.

#### CACTUS

In clothing the cactus with spines nature was only providing against the extincton of this valuable forage plant; had the cactus all been spineless it would have been a thing of the past years ago. A great many animals live on it, aside from the domestic cattle, which eat quantities of it every year, even though it has spines. The writer has seen cattle, on a rainy or damp day, stand for hours eating the cactus leaves, and it seemed a miracle only how they could swallow the thorny things.

The wild and domestic burros like the cylindrical opuntia as forage, when the spines are burned off. Rats are very fond of cactus, both as food and as a guard against snakes, so they make their desert homes under the roct of a large cactus and pile quantities of others all around. Their house is a voritable pile of cactus thorns and sticks.

Much of this country would be bare indeed were it not for the presence of sage-brush, creosote bush and cactus. Alfilaria is a foreign plant that has adapted itself to the desert wastes and grows in the fall, winter and early spring almost anywhere, but dies as het weather approaches.

Mrs. C. Bly, Ariz.

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chimenes are bulbous plants desirable for summer blooming. They appear well in a basket or window box and should be grown on the east side of the house or where they will be protected from the hot, mid-day sun and winds. They thrive best in a light, porous soil with good drainage and it is better not to wet the foliage while watering, as the leaves are covered with hairs and are sometimes injured by sprinkling, especially if the sun has access to the foliage afterwards.

Do not plant more than two or three small bulbs in a four-inch pot. They should be started in the spring and the

plants, beginning to bloom the last of June and kept in a shady place, well watered, with only morning sun, will bloom continuously until frost. A chimenes are often subject to attacks of thrip, red spider and aphis, especially if the atmosphere is dry. Chopped tobacco stems upon the surface will generally pre-vent these attacks and

fumigation

ACHIMENES GROWN
will be found a great remedy for destroying

A single stem will grow twelve inches long, with dozens of flowers borne continuously. The flowers are tubular, two inches long and an inch and a half across, somewhat resembling a single petunia, in white, red and purple. The bluish purple variety is one of the most showy and thrifty of all. They can also be obtained in blue, yellow, orange and rose.

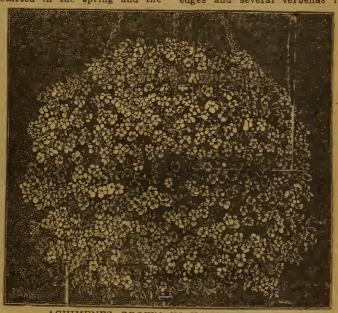
In autumn the box, or basket, can be allowed to dry and placed in a cool, frost-proof room, the temperature being about 50 degrees, where the bulbs may stay until spring, when they can be taken out and repotted and started into growth by again moistening the soil. Propagation is easily effected by cuttings, which root

almost as readily as coleus; by leaves, with their stems placed in sandy soil; by the scales from the corms or bulbs which can be rubbed off and sown as seeds; and also, by seeds which are very small and require some care in sowing.

The bulbs, too, are very small and eighteen or more can be planted in a hanging basket where they will look very pretty trailing over the sides. It is better to pinch back the plants when six inches high as this will make them branch out thickly. A very beautiful porch box may be arranged with pink and white geraniums, vinca to trail over the edges and several verbenas in the box.

and just inside the row of vincas a row of achimenes. While the geraniu m s are resting the verbenas and achimenes are in their glory. After once having ach imenes you willnot want to be without them, as they are very attractive and endear themselves to everyone.





ACHIMENES GROWN IN HANGING BASKET

I would like to tell the readers how I start my smallest seed, such as begonias and gloxinias. I take a fiveinch saucer, the clay kind on flower pots stand, and fill it with fine rich soil and press it down firmly. Then I sow the seed very evenly, with just a little soil sifted over it. This saucer is placed in a six-inch saucer and covered over with glass. The larger saucer is filled with water and set in a warm window. In fact, water is kept in the sau cer all the time, unless the soil gets too wet. The seeds will sprout readily and will grow for a number of weeks, until the plants are large enough to transplant

Mrs. Jesse Grounse, N. Y.

# NARCISSUS IN MISSISSIPPI

WANT to tell you readers about my beautiful narcissus while they are blooming to remind me. First to flower is an old-fashioned kind, with creamy, star-shaped flowers and small, deep yellow cups (Polyanthus type). It has very large clusters and is very fra-



#### POLYANTHUS NARCISSUS

grant. I do not know the name, but the bulb is very hardy and easy to grow here, and is always the first thing in my garden to bloom. I have a broad, thick row of them, fifty or sixty feet long, and they are beautiful, simply a mass of bloom. The first flower appeared about the first or second week in

Then the next to bloom, about a week later, were the paper whites, of which I also have a good, long row. You all know and like them, for they are so lovely in their waxen purity. These two varieties are still, February fourteenth, in perfection, and I have sent large bunches to the sick.

Then I have another kind which

is either Bozelman Major or Grand Monarque, also a Polyanthus variety, just coming into bloom. is a great favorite with me. Its large clusters are very fragrant and of a pure white, with small orange cups. Next to bloom will be one with very small, deep yellow flowers in clusters, the most fragrant of them all. I do not know the name of this one, but it is an old variety here.

wowel others to come in later

among them is an especially lovely kind with a very large, saucer-shaped perianth, primrose-yellow shaded deep yellow, with short yellow cup tipped fiery red. grows tall and is not very fragrant but the big blossoms swaying in the wind look like gorgeous butterflies. Can anyone name it? It was sent out ten or twelve years ago by the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

I am trying a few of the newer varieties this year, such as Horsfieldi, Golden Spur, Von Sion, Sir Watkin, Autocrat, Lady Godiva, Vesuvius, Queen of England and White Lady. These have not come into flower yet. Some of them are not such new varieties, but are new to me. I also have a few Bicolor Victoria and a small quantity of several others, among which is a clump of Mrs. Langtry.

My Roman hyacinths are just gone and the Dutch ones, of which I have some lovely varieties, are coming in. We have had a very mild winter here, practically



NARCISSUS SIR

no cold at all, and everything is beginning to grow fast, wihle the ground is in fine working condition.

Leila. Miss.

THE FLOWERS OF FRANCE
HEN visiting a new country I always look to see the flowers, the colors, the varieties and the quantities, and never have I seen or been so impressed as with the flowers of France. Coming over here the fall before last, it was my great pleasure to carry with me, from my mother's garden

taxies. One I noticed particularly was of dark purple pansies made into bunches, then into the wreath, thousands being used; it was completed with large white chrysanthemums at one end. There were dahlias, too, of the loveliest colors, the flame and mahogany shades appealing to me most, and since then it has been really a fad of mine to look at the flow-



SHOWY AZALEA BLOSSOMS

in Ohio, a box of lovely flowers, mostly dahlias, through to New York and then in my cabin. They kept nice and fresh so I added some gorgeous, light pink, variegated ones from here and placed the ensemble on the grave of the unknown soldier of France, at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

It was there that I first saw some of the flowers, wonderful wreaths, the largest I ever saw, brought on the top of ers everywhere.

At Christmas the holly was particularly fine. In fact, I now have a piece with the leaves and berries still on. The thistles are large and beautiful and the maidenhair fern with a small, hard, tomatolike berry wired on at intervals makes quite a novel spray

But since then have bloomed the lilacs, both white and lavender, the violets, white and purple, the mimosa, a feathery,



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yellow spray plant known only to these parts, the tulips, lavender carnations, orchids, the gorgeous azalea and, to me the most wonderful, the gardenias from white through all the shades of pink. Long have I stood and looked at flower stalls and windows. The latter are exceedingly attractive. Lilacs grow in a large flower-pot basket which holds the long branch with the full, double flowers making an immense floral piece completed with a large bow of mauve ribbon; then another, of all lavender, with a bow of light green ribbon. There are azaleas of such brilliant shades of flame and henna, making the same gorgeous pieces. I have stood fascinated, wondering, really almost marveling, at the beauty of the col-

And then the quantities! The markets first, the flowers are brought in with the vegetables all bunched together. They are in display in the early morning and by night some are in a corsage for milady or are casting their beauty and fragrance around the festive dinner. All over Paris there are the stalls, generally at some street corner, the exhibitions lasting almost uninterrupted throughout the winter. The thermometer seldom goes below freezing, so that the French woman is able to continue her trade all the year around. She gets her supply fresh each morning in long, shallow, straw baskets and then she arranges her open-air shop; there is spruce at the base, then marigolds, carnations, violets, roses, cornflowers, tulips and the small poppies, the variety of the fields of France and on Flander's Fields. At the top are lilac and mimosa waving in the breeze. She has her regular customers and the prices are fluctuous, but at that not high.

They are all energetic; one I remember saying to me: "Madame, vouley-vous un petit bouquet?" (Will you have a small bouquet?) The violets thus sold are about a franc, more or less, but what the price lacks they make up in the great quantities sold. So it is with a pleasure amounting to zeal that I look around all the time, realizing and concluding that the people of France are great lovers of flowers. Mrs. Prudence A. Fiorini, France.

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Aside from his barberries, among which he refers to Berberis Sieboldii as his "greatest prodigy", he found many kinds of shrubs, trees and even vines with which to make his home and the surrounding country beautiful. holly, which has evergreen foliage and carries its scarlet berries all winter, is a particular favorite. When setting it out be sure to get both staminate and pistillate bushes, as one must have both kinds in order to grow fruit. This holly is Ilex glabra. Ilex verticillata is another holly which sheds its leaves. It grows wild in swamps and is known as the winterberry, or black alder. It holds its berries well into the winter and is fine for massing in low, moist ground. The high-bush cranberry, Viburnum Opulus, is another American shrub which is nice in big masses. For red-berried trees the well-known Mountain Ash and its relative the Chokeberry, Sorbus arbutifolia, take the lead, while our native Bittersweet is both cheap and lovely for a vine. Gathered in September the Bittersweet is

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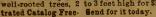
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The pussy willow takes the hint,
And throws out balls of white,
Then softly dons its emerald robe
In sheen of golden light.
But the flowers will slumber yet awhile
Till they hear the children call,
"I think it is time to get up, little bulbs
And off let your brown clothes fall!"

And soon Johnny-Jump-Up, to behold What his neighbor are about, Finds the crocus slyly peeping To be the earliest out. In the finest of colors and texture, The daintiest, silken, spring gown, With envy, the other sweet flowers Are going to send out to to n.

The daffy-down-dilly, soon to spring up From her corner, is gaily arrayed in the prettiest bonnet of purest gold, Most lovely and fairest e'er made. The beautiful snowdrop, though rather late. And tulip and hyacinth slow, Are planning a great spring carnival. Just hear them under the snow!

"We're waiting for beautiful spring to come The time of the buds and the flowers, For our blankets of snow to melt away, And for soft and gentle, warm showers." Oh, my heart is filled with gladness, As the signs of spring I see, And I give a joyful welcome To the robin in the tree.

-Mrs. J. Wiley, Mich

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Mrs. Mary E. Hall, Mo.

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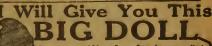
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I have good luck rooting all kinds of oses and chrysanthemums by sticking a ole in the ground in a place partly haded, and burying the cutting half its ength. Then I turn a jar over them, nd leave them until spring. I always ut my cuttings out in the fall after my hrysanthemums have finished blooming. ust break the fading blooms off with a tem about six inches long and put out ike roses. I think pinching off the top selps any kind of a cutting to grow oots quickly.

Mrs. R. W. Davis, Tenn.

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sible to work the ground.

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Dear Floral Friends: I have a large plant of Star of Bethlehem given me by a friend when but a slip. The buds seemed to have a tendency to turn black and drop off just before opening, so I sprinkled the plant all over with warm water once or twice a day and have had

If one would soak the bulblets of gladioli, which are too small to peel, just before planting, he will discover how much more quickly they will come up that year. Soak them for a couple of days in warm water. I have read of scalding canna seed by

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Parks Floral Magazine, Lapark, Pa.

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Iolland's a long way off, you know,

For little brown bulbs to travel to me. few were sent to other homes, Other lives than mine to cheer. Till the warm spring rain is here;

Then they will climb to be kissed by the sun, with a cheerful welcome to everyone.

love them, love them, those little bulbs,

Even now they bring help and cheer, oft in fancy, the blooms I see,

That they will bring to us next year.

—Mrs. A. J. Foster, Vt.

Dear Floral Friends: At last my Christnas cactus has blossomed in December and January. We have had it a great nany years and whenever it did manage to bloom, it was in April. I have given t the same care I always have, as far as know, so I do not see why it should hange its habits this year.

I water my plants by pouring water into the saucers and letting it draw up hrough the drain hole in the bottom of he pot, until I can see a damp spot on he surface of the earth, or until it stops lrawing up; then I empty any water renaining in the saucers. In that way the plants do not rot as they are apt to do f watered from the top.

Jessai ine, Me.

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Q. Why do rose cuttings root better upside down in bunches than right side up separately? J. L. W., Calif.

A...Dormant cuttings only are tied in bunches and put in sand, in winter, to callouse until planted out in the following spring. It is not necessary that they be upside down, just so the end to be rooted comes in constant contact with moist sand during rest period. It is easier to keep the sand moist on top. EDITOR.

Q. Will dahlias raised from seed form tubers in the f.ll? A. M. G., Conn.

A. Dahlia seec produces blooming size plants the same season it is sown and these form good sized tubers to be divided for planting out the following spring. EDITOR.

Q. What is a good remedy for rose scale? M. H., Ind.

A. Spray your plants with lime-sulphur



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lution, one gallon in eight gallons of ter, while the plants are dormant. It is advisable to cut off the badly infeststems. EDITOR.

Q. Can platycodon be propagated by cutigs? If so, when is the best time? M. F.,

A. Platycodons can be propagated either division or seeding, the latter being ore successful. Propagation by division quires more care and skill, because of e fleshy rootstock, and is best done in e spring, when the plant breaks into ew growth. EDITOR.

Q. How high does the Juniper grow? I. Kans.

A. Juniperus Communis, common Junier, an evergreen shrub, is ten feet high hen full grown. EDITOR.

Q. Is the Magnolia hardy in the north-n states? D. N., Ohio.

A. Magnolia glauca is hardy, but the ariety grandiflora, a much taller Magolia, is somewhat tender north of Philaelphia. EDITOR.

What plant is known as Bear-grass?

C., Ills.

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M. S. R., Minn.

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Q. How can I have my Begonia Fuchs des bloom in the autumn? D. L., Ohio.
A. Start your cuttings in April, repe

ting as necessary through the follows. winter. In June put the plants, pot a all, out among your shrubbery where th will be sheltered from sun and wir The first week in August set them in yo green-house, if you have one, or in yo plant window, and before the end of t month they will be a mass of bloo EDITOR.

Q. What care should young Cyclam

plants receive? M. S., 111s.

A. Pot the plants singly in three-in pots, using a compost of three par turfy loam, one part leaf-mold, one-hi part well rotted manure and one-thipart sand. Then keep them in a temper ture around sixty degrees. When potting use a little less sand. EDITOR

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